

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR ONE LOCALLY ADMINISTERED STIP PROJECT ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER RESOLUTION G-06-08 WAIVER-07-09**

RECOMMENDATION:

On behalf of the City of Sunnyvale, the Department of Transportation recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Waiver-07-09, extending the period of contract award for six months, to October 11, 2007, for the Borregas Avenue Bike/Pedestrian Bridges Project (PPNO 2015B, EA 04-441201, formerly EA 04-072924) on Routes 101 and 237 in Santa Clara County.

ISSUE:

On October 11, 2006, the Commission allocated \$3,700,000 for the City of Sunnyvale's Borregas Avenue Bike/Pedestrian Bridges Project. The deadline to award contracts for projects allocated on October 11, 2006 is April 11, 2007. The City of Sunnyvale will not be able to meet the contract award deadline of six months.

Concurrent with the Commission request, the City pursued additional federal Congestion Management and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds to replace the existing local funds that were programmed on the project. The modification to federal funding on the project extended the federal approval process. The project cannot be advertised until the federal "Authorization to Proceed" (E-76) is approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

The federal approval process is taking longer than anticipated. Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 07-04, which reflects the new federal obligation, was approved on January 26, 2007. FHWA is currently reviewing the E-76. The City is prepared to bid and award the project as soon as this authorization is received. The City requests that the Commission grant a six-month extension to accommodate the additional time required for the approval of the E-76.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2006, the Commission adopted Resolution G-06-08, making the six-month period to award a permanent requirement under the STIP Guidelines.